5th Meeting of the Myanmar REDD+ Task Force

Report by the Secretary of the National REDD+ Taskforce, and for onward transmission to the Director General (of the Forest Department), Minister (of MONREC), and National Environmental Conservation and Climate Change Central Committee (NECC)

Background

Decision 2/3 from the 2nd meeting of the Taskforce was that:

“The Taskforce Secretary will prepare regular 3-month progress reports, and the Taskforce Chair will report to the Director General (of the Forest Department) and Minister (of MONREC) on progress of REDD+ in order that this information can be presented at NECCCCC meetings”.

This document represents such a report.

Status and recent progress in establishing the four elements of the Warsaw Framework for REDD+

(a) National REDD+ Strategy

During the last three months, the main focus for progress on the draft National REDD+ Strategy has been engagement with ethnic nationalities for consultation on the draft. This process has been completed for Danu, Mon and Pa-O, and is on-going for 10 other ethnic nationalities. It is expected that most of these consultation processes will be completed by the end of 2018.

(b) Forest Reference Emissions Level

The process of responding to the Technical Assessment (TA) of the FREL submission is on-going. The formal assessment document of the proposed FRL has not yet been received. Whether or not further response from Myanmar side is necessary will be decided upon reception and analysis of the formal TA report (probably early September). It is expected that the process will be complete by November, 2018.

(c) National Forest Monitoring System

The major focus for work on the NFMS over the past 3 months has been on planning issues of the NFI with further internal discussions of different sample size options and the field methodology. Both discussions are expected to be finalized in September so that further planning steps can be undertaken. Technical sessions for the use of open source forest monitoring and remote sensing tools has been planned to be carried out in late September.

(d) Safeguards Information System

As a result of several meetings held over the past 3 months, a draft national clarification of the Cancun safeguards has been produced and is undergoing public consultation. The analysis of the policy and legal framework has been completed and recommendations for improvement produced. The objective to have a draft design of Myanmar’s Safeguards Information System by the end of 2018 remains valid.

International support
A process to explore the possibility of Norwegian funding to support implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy in southern Myanmar has been initiated.